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SUBJ: NEW KENYAN CABINET ANNOUNCED

1. NEW KENYAN CABINET, ANNOUNCED AFTERNOON OCTOBER 31, INCLUDES FIVE NEW FACES: F.L.M. WAIYAKI, KIKUYU FORMER DEPUTY SPEAKER OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, BECOMES FOREIGN MINISTER; S.S. OLOITIPITIP, MASAI FORMER ASSISTANT MINISTER OF HEALTH BECOMES MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES; D.M. MUTINDA, YOUNG KAMBA LAWYER, NAMED MINISTER FOR INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING; MATTHEW OGUTU, LUO FORMER ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT, BECOMES MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND WILDLIFE; AND E.T. MWAMUNGA, TAITA MP FROM VOI, GIVEN NEW PORTFOLIO OF MINISTER FOR WATER DEVELOPMENT.

2. RE-ELECTED MINISTERS RETAINING THEIR FORMER PORTFOLIOS ARE: MOI (VICE PRESIDENT AND HOME AFFAIRS), KIBAKI (FINANCE AND ECONOMIC PLANNING), GICHURU (DEFENSE),
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NYAGAH (AGRICULTURE), KIANO (COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY),

OMOLO-OKERO (POWER AND COMMUNICATIONS), ANGAINE (LANDS AND SETTLEMENT), KOINANGE (MINISTER OF STATE), AND NJONJO (ATTORNEY GENERAL).

3. RE-ELECTED MINISTERS SHIFTED TO NEW PORTFOLIOS ARE:
OSOGO (FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO HEALTH), MATANO (FROM INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING TO COOPERATIVES), ONYONKA (FROM HEALTH TO EDUCATION), TOWETT (FROM EDUCATION TO HOUSING AND SOCIAL SERVICES), NYAMWEYA (FROM WORKS TO LABOR), MULIRO (FROM COOPERATIVES AND SOCIAL SERVICES TO WORKS), AND NGEI (FROM HOUSING TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT).

4. LONG LIST OF NEW ASSISTANT MINISTERS DOES NOT INCLUDE POPULIST QTE MAVERICKS UNQTE J.M. KARIUKI, CHARLES RUBIA OR MARTIN SHIKUKU, WHO WILL NOW BE FREE TO BE EVEN MORE CRITICAL OF GOVERNMENT FROM BACK BENCHES OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. BURUDI NABWERA, FORMER ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS WHO WAS FREQUENTLY CRITICAL OF USG, ALSO DROPPED.

5. COMMENT: NEW CABINET APPEARS AS LACKLUSTER AS PREVIOUS ONE, WITH NOTABLE EXCEPTION OF KIBAKI. WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT WAIYAKI WILL PROVE TO BE A WORKING FOREIGN MINISTER, WHICH WILL BE AN IMPROVEMENT OVER HIS PREDECESSOR. EXCLUSION OF ODERO-JOWI, FORMER MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC PLANNING AND PERM. REP. TO UN, IS A FURTHER BLOW TO LUO COMMUNITY DESPITE FACT THERE ARE TWO LUO MINISTERS IN NEW CABINET.
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